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SUBJECT: LOS:GROUP OF FIVE MEETING

1. AT RECENTLY COMPLETED LOS CONFERENCE SESSION IN NEW
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YORK, UK INVITED MEMBERS OF GROUP OF FIVE (US, UK, USSR,

FRANCE, AND JAPAN) TO MEET IN LONDON IN JUNE. WE UNDER-
STAND DATES TO BE JUNE 21-24.

2. AMEMBASSY LONDON IS REQUESTED TO INQUIRE ABOUT STATUS
OF UK PLANNING FOR MEETING. YOU MAY INDICATE THAT JUNE
21-24 DATES ARE SATISFACTORY FOR US. WE ARE ASSUMING THESE
ARE THE CORRECT DATES AND WE ARE NOW PROCEEDING TO ARRANGE,
TENTATIVELY, OTHER MEETINGS AROUND THAT PERIOD INCLUD-
ING POSSIBLE VISIT TO BONN FRIDAY, JUNE 25. WE WOULD
APPRECIATE ANY INFORMATION REGARDING SPECIFIC SCHEDULES,
AGENDA AND MATERIAL WHICH WE UNDERSTAND UK IS PREPARING FOR
MEETING- IN GENERAL, WE WOULD LIKE TO REVIEW ALL 4 PARTS
OF THE SNT THOROUGHLY, AND ALSO DISCUSS INTERSESSIONAL
ACTIVITY AND PROCEDURES FOR THE NEXT SESSION. PLEASE
INFORM LOGAN OR GUINNESS IN CONFIDENCE THAT US IS NOT RPT
NOT OPTIMISTIC THAT PROGRESS CAN BE MADE ON DEEP SEABED
QUOTA ISSUE, AND WOULD HOPE MEETINGS COULD BE SO HANDLED
AS TO MINIMIZE EFFECT ON GROUP COOPERATION GENERALLY. FYI.
CONTINUAL ATTACKS ON US FIGURES RE DEEP SEABED MINING
BY ALAN ARCHER, HOWEVER SINCERE, WILL MERELY SERVE TO
INCREASE FRENCH AND SOVIET INSISTENCE ON AN QUOTE ANTI-
DOMINANT END QUOTE CLAUSE. IN ADDITION, WE DO NOT RPT NOT
WISH TO BE ISOLATED BY HEAVY BRITISH PRESSURE FOR A COM-
PROMISE, SINCE SOVIETS QUOTE IN PRINCIPLE END QUOTE SAY
THEY ARE WILLING TO EXPLORE ANY COMPROMISE IN ORDER TO
GET US INTO THE EXERCISE. END FYI

3. EXISTENCE OF GROUP OF FIVE IS NOT GENERALLY KNOWN AND
WE WOULD WISH TO AVOID ANY PRESS COMMENT OR SPECULATION
ABOUT THIS MEETING. IF FACT MEETING IS BEING HELD SHOULD
BECOME KNOWN, WE WOULD SIMPLY ACKNOWLEDGE IN RESPONDING
TO PRESS INQUIRIES THAT WE ARE HAVING NORMAL DISCUSSIONS
ON LOS MATTERS, LEAVING IT TO BRITISH TO DEAL WITH
QUESTIONS ABOUT PARTICIPANTS.

4. WE HOPE TO USE LONDON MEETING TO ARRANGE SEVERAL
BILATERAL TALKS. PLEASE INFORM UK THAT AMBASSADOR
LEARSON WOULD LIKE TO INVITE AMBASSADOR DONALD LOGAN AND
MR. J. R. S. GUINNESS TO DINNER ON THE EVENING OF SUNDAY,
JUNE 20, IF THAT IS CONVENIENT.
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IF INVITATION ACCEPTED, EMBASSY IS REQUESTED TO
MAKE RESERVATIONS AT APPROPRIATE PLACE AT TIME CONVEN-
IENT TO UK GUESTS.

5. WE MAY WISH TO ARRANGE FOR ADDITIONAL BILATERAL
LUNCHES OR DINNERS BUT TIMING WILL DEPEND ON UK SCHEDULE
OF LUNCHES OR RECEPTIONS. PLEASE ADVISE US AS SOON AS
POSSIBLE WHAT SOCIAL EVENTS UK IS PLANNING.

6. IT MAY BE NECESSARY TO SCHEDULE FULL-DAY BILATERAL MEETINGS ON SUNDAY, JUNE 20 (SEE PARA 8 BELOW). EMBASSY IS REQUESTED TO RESERVE CONFERENCE ROOM SUITABLE FOR ABOUT 20 FOR THAT DAY.

7. EXACT COMPOSITION OF US DELEGATION IS NOT YET DECIDED AND WILL BE DETERMINED IN PART BY AGENDA. WE WILL PROVIDE NAMES OF MEMBERS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

8. FOR MOSCOW. WE WOULD LIKE TO KNOW WHO PLANS TO ATTEND FOR USSR, AND IN PARTICULAR IF DEPUTY FONMIN KOZYREV PLANS TO ATTEND. FYI. IT HAS BEEN PRACTICE AT TIMES IN PAST TO HOLD US-SOVIET BILATERALS IMMEDIATELY PRIOR TO GROUP OF FIVE MEETINGS - NORMALLY AT SOVIET REQUEST. SOVIET DEL IN NEW YORK DID SUGGEST POSSIBILITY OF SUCH A MEETING BUT DID NOT PURSUE IT OR FORMALLY REQUEST A MEETING. END FYI. IF USSR DOES WISH TO HAVE BILATERAL TALKS WE WOULD BE HAPPY TO TAKE PART AND WOULD BE PREPARED TO MAKE AVAILABLE CONFERENCE ROOM SPACE AT US EMBASSY LONDON ON SUNDAY, JUNE 20, IF THAT IS SATISFACTORY. EMBASSY MOSCOW SHOULD NOT RAISE POINT WITH SOVIETS, BUT IF SOVIETS ENQUIRE YOU MAY MAKE ABOVE POINTS. PLEASE INFORM US ASAP OF ANY SOVIET INTEREST IN BILATERALS AND SPECIFICALLY WHAT SUBJECTS THEY WISH RAISED. FYI. IF SOVIETS CONTINUE TO PUSH DEEP SEABED QUOTA ISSUE AT BILATERAL MEETINGS - WHICH IS LIKELY - NET EFFECT OF MEETING MAY BE HARMFUL OR, AT BEST, TO LITTLE AVAIL. THUS WE DO NOT WISH TO STIMULATE MEETING, BUT OF COURSE WILL AGREE TO IT IF SOVIET DESIRE. END FYI. SISCO

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